

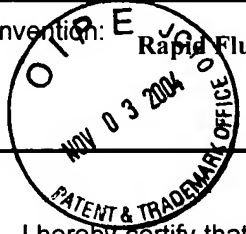
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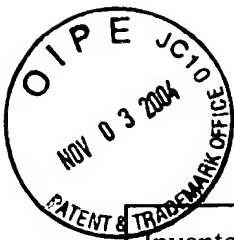
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Enclosed please find six patent references, a copy of a European Search Report for the European equivalent of the parent of the above-captioned application, and a PTO-1449 form listing the six references. Translations of the abstracts of two of the references appear hereinbelow. Please note, all of the enclosed references appear as "A" references on the European Search Report, meaning that they provide mere technological background and in no way serve to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention. It should be recalled that in the European Patent Application for which this Search Report was issued (No. 02748381.7), the claim of the instant US patent application was present.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant states that each item contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office (specifically, the EPO) in a related counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. As seen on the cover page of the European Search Report, that report was issued August 9, 2004, three months after which would be November 9, 2004. Since the instant IDS is being submitted prior to November 9, it is timely and no fee is due in connection therein.

The translation of the Abstract of **EP 278,884** is as follows:

Device for cooling and maintaining a controlled temperature on work surfaces, comprising a cooling surface (2) attached by one of its faces to an assembly of Peltier cells (5), themselves in contact via their opposite face with a radiator (6) ventilated by means of a ventilator (7), at least one temperature sensor placed in contact with the cooling surface and an electronic control and regulation system (9,10,11,12,14) making it possible to compare the programmed temperature (t_r) and the temperature measured (t_s) by the sensor and ensuring regulation of the power supply to the Peltier cells, in such a way as to adjust the temperature of the cooling surface of the programmed temp characterised by the fact that it comprises an automatic electronic command module comprising a micro-processor, fitted so as to determine the dewpoint in function of the ambient temperature and of the relative ambient humidity, and to command the control and regulation system in such a way that the temperature of the cooling surface is constantly slightly higher than that of the dewpoint.

The translation of the Abstract of **DE 19910181** is as follows:

Processor-controlled, temp. regulated heater/cooler for preparation of liquid foodstuffs has limit value signal generator that emits audible signal when freely programmable temp. is reached.

NOVELTY - The heater/cooler has a limit value signal generator that emits an audible signal when a freely programmable temp. is reached. The memory-programmable controller maintains the programmed temp. regulated or constant. A temp. sensor and heating rod are fixed onto the underside of the bottle top.

USE - For preparation of liquid foodstuffs, e.g. for babies.

ADVANTAGE - Is suitable for all mothers requiring to prepare milk bottle food for babies.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing shows a schematic representation of a processor-controlled, temp. regulated heater/cooler for preparation of liquid foodstuffs.

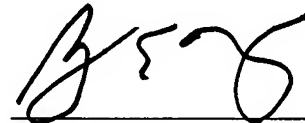
The remaining references are in English.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any additional required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. **02-2105**.

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